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COUNTRY: ARGENTINA/URUGUAY/UNITED KINGDOM

SUBJECT: EFFORTS BY THE ARGENTINE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT FROM
THE "ESCUELA MECHANICA DE LA ARMADA" TO REQUEST
ASSISTANCE FROM URUGUAYAN INTELLIGENCE SERVICES

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2. [REDACTED] ARGENTINE NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, CAPITAN ~~DE FRAGATA~~ (FNU) ~~(DONDA)~~, THE INTELLIGENCE UNIT OF THE *Argentina* "ESCUELA MECHANICA DE LA ARMADA", HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FROM URUGUAYAN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE ON THE MOVEMENT OF BRITISH PERSONNEL AND VESSELS IN THE MONTEVIDEO HARBOR. DONDA, WHO IS CHIEF OF THE INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MADE HIS INITIAL CONTACT WITH URUGUAYAN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS ON 30 MARCH 1982 PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES. AT THAT TIME HE OFFERED TO COVER ALL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE URUGUAYANS ON BEHALF OF THE ARGENTINES. DURING LATE APRIL DONDA AND TWO OTHER OFFICERS FROM THE ESCUELA MECHANICA TRAVELED TO MONTEVIDEO TO MAKE ADDITIONAL REQUESTS OF THE URUGUAYAN SERVICES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THE ESCUELA MECHANICA DE LA ARMADA IS THE COVER MECHANISM FOR AN ANTI-SUBVERSIVE UNIT UNDER ARGENTINE NAVY CONTROL. THE UNIT IS MANNED WITH PERSONNEL FROM THE NAVY, CIVILIAN POLICE AND PRISON GUARDS. THE ORGANIZATION HAS AN UNSAVORY REPUTATION BECAUSE OF ITS USE OF STRONG ARM TACTICS.) THE ESCUELA MECHANICA HAS DIRECT TELEX COMMUNICATIONS WITH URUGUAYAN NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. THE ESCUELA'S TELEX NUMBER IS 18-661-LUNAR.

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[REDACTED] THREE ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICERS FROM
THE ESCUELA MECHANICA DE LA ARMADA ATTEMPTED ON 25 APRIL 82
TO SECURE HELP OF THE URUGUAYAN DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE (SID) IN REPORTING TO THEM ANY OFFICIAL CONTACT SID
MAINTAINS WITH UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS. THE
REQUEST WAS MADE TO LT. COL. GILBERTO ~~X~~ (VASQUEZ), SID'S CHIEF
OF DEPARTMENT III. VASQUEZ REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ASSIST THE
ARGENTINES. [REDACTED] COMMENT: IT IS BELIEVED THAT VASQUEZ
REFUSED TO ASSIST THE ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICERS FOR FEAR THAT IT
MIGHT INTERFERE WITH HIS ONGOING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARGENTINE
ARMY 601ST INTELLIGENCE BATTALION. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE ARGENTINES WERE THEN INTRODUCED
TO AN OFFICIAL OF THE DNII [REDACTED]

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